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Art Unit: 1651

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Examiner: D. Naff

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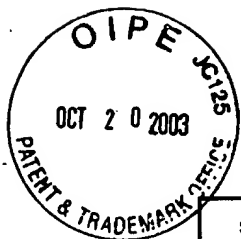
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	AA	US-4,033,355	07-05-1977	Cardiac Pacemakers, Inc.	
	AB	US-4,377,077	03-22-1983	Biotech Research Laboratories, Inc.	
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	BA	WO-97/08291-A1	03-06-1977	Ashby Scientific Ltd.		
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	BD	-0 326 278-A1	08-02-1989	Dow Corning Kabushiki Kaisha		
	BE	-0 450 671-A1	10-09-1991	Duphar International Research B.V.		
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1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

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1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
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1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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